ABSOLUTE RATING: Good IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 37. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

2001 Good Excellent 2002

2003 2004

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	61.3	69.2	69.0	59.5	63.5	65.0
Passed 2 subtests	15.6	13.6	18.0	20.3	18.2	17.8
Passed 1 subtest	13.2	9.8	7.5	12.4	11.7	10.5
Passed no subtests	9.9	7.5	5.5	7.8	6.6	6.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	13.0%	15.8%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	16.7%	16.9%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	20.3%	44.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS					
	Seniors				
	Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation		
Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate		
All students	94.6%	13.0%	N/A until 2003		
Students with disabilities other than speech	78.6%	0.0%			
Students without disabilities	95.3%	13.8%			
Gender					
Male	91.7%	11.3%			
Female	96.0%	14.5%			
Ethnic Group					
African American	90.8%	7.9%			
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%			
White	96.8%	17.6%			
Other	N/A	N/A			
Lunch Status					
Free/reduced-price lunch	89.3%	4.3%			
Pay for lunch	97.2%	17.4%			

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES				
Mastering core competencies	79.9%			
Completers placed	N/A			
Eligible students enrolled	39.1%			

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

•	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	our ochoor	Last rear	Like Ours	Ochool
Dollars spent per student	\$4,679	N/A	\$5,590	\$5,668
Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 91.4%	89.5%	90.1%
 Student-teacher ratio 	26.5 to 1	N/A	24.4 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=951)				
 Advanced Placement/ 	62.5%	N/A	33.0%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Progran	n			
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	96.5%	No change	95.0%	95.3%
Retention rate	12.3%	Up from 12.0%	10.6%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=55)				
 Professional Development days per teacher 	7.0 Days	Up from 6.4	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 95.7%	95.6%	95.7%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	36.4%	Down from 44.29	% 45.9%	49.4%
Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Down from 94.29	% 81.0%	81.0%
Teachers with	0.0%	No change	2.7%	3.0%
out-of-field permits		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Teachers returning	83.4%	Down from 85.59	% 84.8%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year	207.040	11 0 00/	007.070	200 105
 Average teacher salary 	\$37,913	Up 3.9%	\$37,879	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

Our S	school	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
Dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 2.9%	3.6%	2.9%
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	54.3%	N/A	57.0%	56.4%
 Principal's years at the school 	3.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
 Percent of parents attending conferences 	69.5%	N/A	58.7%	60.1%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
 Older than usual for grade 	15.1%	Down from 17.5%	9.9%	10.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	17	N/A	29	29
 Gifted and talented 	8.3%	Down from 13.0%	6.7%	7.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.4%	Up from 11.0%	11.7%	10.7%
 Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations 	0.0%	N/A	6.6%	4.5%
 Enrollment in career and technology center courses 	372	N/A	449	350
 Career students participating in work-based experiences 	28.4%	N/A	30.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

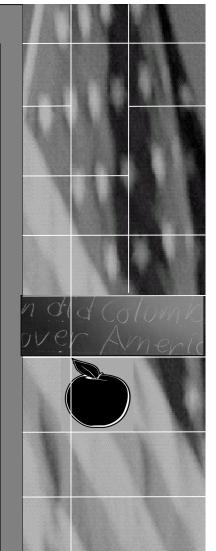
This has been a commendable year for Strom Thurmond High School. Our students have

been recognized for academic excellence and improvement, artistic accomplishments, and athletic success. Our student organizations and teams are an active and integral part of our local communities through their participation in many civic activities.

We are proud to announce the following accomplishments throughout the year: *STHS received a \$10,000 award from the state of South Carolina for an SAT improvement of 77 points for the school year 1999-2000; *One senior was a National Merit Finalist, and three students were named Palmetto Fellows; *Our graduating seniors were offered \$800,000 in scholarships; *65% of all AP students earned university credit through national examinations; *94 students received college credit in seven different courses through dual credit arrangements with Piedmont Technical College and the University of South Carolina-Aiken; *Six students were recognized for All-Region or All-State band; *The Marching Rebel Regiment reached the state finals for the third consecutive year; *Seven varsity athletic teams participated in state playoff competitions; *Two of our Spanish teachers were exchange teachers from Spain who enhanced our students' cultural experiences.

We feel that there are several areas where improvement is essential if our students and school are to reach the goals that have been set. One area of concern is our students' attendance. We have utilized NOVANET and CCC in our computer labs during the month of June to assist our students who have passed their course work but did not have adequate attendance for credit to be awarded. Additionally, the mathematics achievement level for our incoming freshmen has not been appropriate for the required secondary curriculum of Algebra I or Math for the Technologies I; therefore, we are offering the entry level mathematics classes for these students on a daily basis, doubling instructional time with the goal of improving the deficient math skills to insure future success.

We at Strom Thurmond High work each day to "Preserve the Past and Shape the Future". Chris S. Clancy, Principal



Strom Thurmond High 1131 Columbia Road Johnston, SC 29832

Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 951 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card 2001

School Grade: Excellent

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.3	76.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5	81.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	77.8	86.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

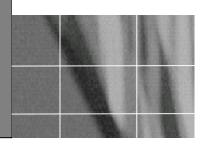
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



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South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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